

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appln No.: 09/827,537

Filed: April 6, 2001

Applicant(s): Arnold Eckhardt

Title: SEALING APPARATUS

Art Unit: 3751

Examiner: Timothy Lewis Maust

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Dear Sir:

In response to Office Action mailed September 23, 2003, the time for response having been extended by a petition submitted concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.



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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment/reply in the above-identified application.

- ☐ An Appendix including amended drawing figures labeled as "Annotated Marked-up Drawings" is enclosed.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.

Fee Calculation For Claims As Amended

| | As Amended | | Previously Paid For | | Present Extra | Rate | Additional Fee |
|-----------------------------------|------------|---|---------------------|-----|----------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Independent Claims | <u>2</u> | - | <u>2</u> | **= | <u>0</u> | x \$ 86.00 = | \$ 0.00 |
| Total Claims | <u>26</u> | - | <u>26</u> | * = | <u>0</u> | x \$ 18.00 = | \$ 0.00 |
| Fee for Multiply Dependent Claims | | | | | | \$ 290.00 | |
| ** At least 3 | | | | | Total Additional Fee | | \$ 0.00 |
| * At least 20 | | | | | | | |

- ☐ Applicant(s) assert entitlement to Small Entity Status (37 C.F.R. § 1.27), thus reducing the fee by half to: \$ 0.00
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.
- ☐ Charge \$_____ to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.

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Amendment dated
Reply to Office Action of 9/23/03

- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17 during its entire pendency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1135. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, the Director is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1135. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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